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FOOLS!

YOU CAN'T
ESCAPE THE
WRATH OF
SULIBAK!

HOW LONG
WAS THAT?

SONS OF PERDITION!

SHAZAM! WITH A SINGLE MAGIC WORD, THE POWERS OF SIX ANCIENT GODS--THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON, THE STRENGTH OF HERCULES, THE STAMINA OF ATLAS, THE POWER OF ZEUS, THE COURAGE OF ACHILLES, AND THE SPEED OF MERCURY--ARE PLACED IN THE HANDS OF TEENAGE BILLY BATSON, TRANSFORMING HIM INTO THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL!

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CAN WE...
STOP...FOR JUST
A SECOND?

WHAT KIND OF DEMON
WIZARD AM I? WHAT KIND
OF MIGHTY MORTAL
ARE YOU?

ONE...
WITHOUT ANY
POWERS...



...FOR
NOW.



I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE CAN'T
PORT DIRECTLY TO THE *ROCK OF
ETERNITY*--AND AWAY FROM
THESE GOONS.

THE
ROCK'S
SUFFERING
DOWN
HERE.

THAT'S WHY
MY POWERS HAVE
BEEN UNSTABLE--
IT'S CLOSING
ITSELF OFF FROM
MAGIC, FROM
EVERYTHING--
LIKE A DEFENSE
MECHANISM.

WE'LL
FIND A WAY
TO GET
THERE.

PERHAPS
YOU ALREADY
HAVE...



WHO SAID THAT?!

SULIBAK?!

OH PLEASE.



THAT CUT-RATE
HUSTLER IN
BARGAIN-BASEMENT
CHINTZ?

HIS BARK IS
WORSE THAN
HIS BITE.

AND
HIS BREATH
IS WORSE
THAN THAT.



SO...YOU'VE
COME FOR THE
ROCK.

I WAS SO
HOPING YOU
WOULD...

...BILLY.



AND YOU
BROUGHT A
FRIEND!

OR
SHOULD
I SAY, HE
BROUGHT
YOU.

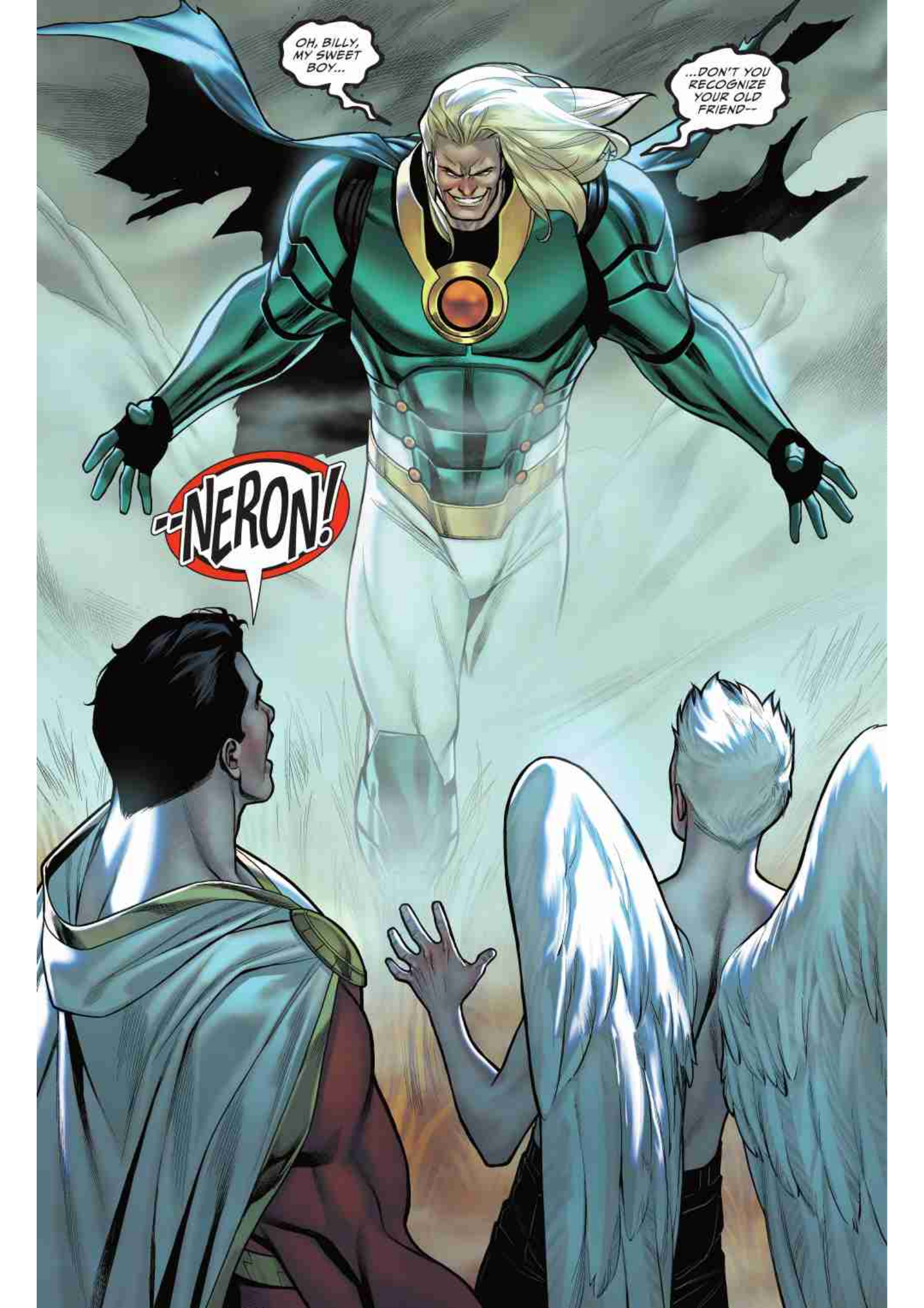
HELLO, DANE.
YOU'RE LOOKING
VERY...
GROWN-UP.

DADDY
MUST BE SO
PROUD--
WHEREVER
HE IS.



WHO
ARE YOU? HOW
DO YOU KNOW
US?

SHOW
YOURSELF!



OH, BILLY,
MY SWEET
BOY...

...DON'T YOU
RECOGNIZE
YOUR OLD
FRIEND--

--NERON!



OH, BILLY, BILLY, BILLY, IT REALLY IS SO WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

WHO IS THIS CREEP?

THIS IS NERON-- A PSYCHOTIC DEMON WHO...FEASTS...ON THE INNOCENCE OF CHILDREN.

NERON, THIS IS DANE-- OR, I GUESS, NEVERMORE-- MY CLASSMATE AND, APPARENTLY, THE SON OF THE DEVIL HIMSELF.

OH, NOW THAT'S A SLANDEROUS EXAGGER--

...BUT I GUESS YOU ALREADY KNEW THAT.

EVERYONE DOWN HERE KNOWS THAT. THEY ALSO KNOW, SINCE HE REVEALED HIMSELF, THAT LITTLE "NEVERMORE" COULD BE THEIR KEY TO THE HALLS OF POWER.

I'M AMAZED YOU TWO SURVIVED MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES HERE.

YOU, THE VALUABLE HEIR TO THE UNDERREALM, AND YOU...

...A LITTLE BOY TRAPPED IN THAT POWERLESS, IF STRAPPING, BODY.

NO POWERS AT ALL...WHAT A SHAME-- ESPECIALLY FOR DEAR, DEAR FREDDY.

FREDDY?

FREDDY FREEMAN-- NOW THERE'S AN INNOCENT...A BOY WHOSE VERY LIFE DEPENDS ON REGULAR INJECTIONS OF A VERY PARTICULAR MEDICINE--

--YOUR POWERS, BILLY...THE ONES THAT HAVE MYSTERIOUSLY VANISHED...THAT WILL ONLY COME BACK IF YOU CAN GET TO THE ROCK...SAFELY. POOR FREDDY'S DEPENDING ON THEM.

LUCKILY, THESE TUNNELS, PROPERLY NAVIGATED, WILL TAKE YOU WHERE YOU NEED TO GO.

IT'S A LABYRINTH! WE CAN'T FIND OUR WAY AROUND DOWN HERE!

NERON CAN.

>Gasp!< ROAD TRIP! WHAT AN EXCELLENT IDEA!



THE
WALLS---

--THEY'RE
ALIVE!





YOU SAID THESE TUNNELS
WOULD DELIVER US SAFELY,
NERON!

YOU
DISTINCTLY
SAID--

I SAID
NO SUCH
THING.



TAKE
OUT THEIR
LEGS!

~SIGH
WRONG
AGAIN.

GO FOR
THE SKULLS...
IF YOU WANT
TO LIVE.



SEE? IT ISN'T ROCKET
SURGERY...OR WHATEVER IT
IS YOU PEOPLE SAY.

NOW
HURRY UP SO
WE CAN GET
GOING.



SO...THE FLAME-SWORD...
IS IT...SIGNIFICANT IN
SOME WAY?

NO IDEA...
BUT IT'S
PRETTY NEAT,
RIGHT?

THINGS ARE CHANGING
SO FAST FOR ME DOWN HERE.
I MEAN...I *KNEW* WHO MY FATHER
WAS, BUT I DIDN'T REALLY KNOW
WHAT THAT MEANT...
UNTIL NOW.

THE SWORD
IS AS UNEXPECTED
AS THE WINGS.

WELL, I, FOR ONE,
AM *VERY* GLAD YOU
HAVE IT...AND THAT
YOU'RE HERE.

WE WOULDN'T
HAVE GOTTEN
OUT OF THAT LAST
SCRAPE--OUT OF
ANY SCRAPES--
WITHOUT YOU.

I KNOW WE DON'T REALLY KNOW
EACH OTHER, BUT I'VE REALLY
LOOKED UP TO YOU. EVERYONE
AT SCHOOL DOES.

FOR
REAL?

...WHY?

CONFIDENCE.
YOU'RE
BRIMMING
WITH IT.

WE COULDN'T
UNDERSTAND WHY--
BECAUSE HONESTLY,
NO ONE THOUGHT
YOU HAD ANY
POWERS TO BACK
IT UP.

NOW THAT WE
KNOW WHO YOU ARE, IT MAKES
SENSE--THE WAY YOU TALK
TO THE TITANS, THE WAY THEY
TALK TO YOU--WE *ALL* WISH
WE COULD HAVE THAT.

WOW--
THAT...MEANS
A LOT TO ME.

YOU CAN--
AND YOU
WILL.

THOSE KINDS
OF RELATIONSHIPS
TAKE TIME. REMEMBER,
THE TITANS HAVE WORKED
ALONGSIDE ME FOR
YEARS. ALONGSIDE
SHAZAM.

Sigh

WHAT
IS IT?

MY NAME IS A *MAGIC
WORD*...WHEN I SPEAK IT,
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE IMBUED
WITH INCREDIBLE POWERS--
BUT I KEEP SAYING IT
AND...*NOTHING*.

I'M STUCK
IN THIS
POWERLESS
BODY WHILE MY
BEST FRIEND IS...
NEVER MIND.

THAT
CONFIDENCE YOU SEE
IN ME? I'M NOT FEELING
TOO MUCH OF IT RIGHT--

OH, STOP
PRATTLING, YOU
HENS...LOOK--



WE'VE
ARRIVED!



YES...AND
SO EASILY
TOO.

OH
DEAR.

YOUR
ACCUSATORY
TONE SUGGESTS
TO ME...

...THE
JIG IS
UP.

OH WELL.
FUN WHILE
IT LASTED,
NO?



HRC'KKKK!

FREDDY!



"FREDDY"?
HO HO, OH MY, MY...
PAGING
DR. FREUD...!

YOU
KNOW
WHAT I--

IS THIS
THE DEAL,
NERON?!

IN EXCHANGE
FOR LEADING
US HERE, YOU
WANT DANE--

--SO YOU
CAN USE HIS POWER
TO RULE OVER HELL?
IS THAT IT?!



OH
PLEASE.

NOTHING SO...
PEDESTRIAN...
AS THAT.

I DON'T
WANT HIM...
I WANT--
ME.



I HAVE ALWAYS WANTED YOU.

YOUR POWER--NOT THAT OF SHAZAM, BUT OF YOU, BILLY.

YOUR PERFECT, FRESH-FACED INNOCENCE. THAT'S THE REAL PRIZE DOWN HERE.



AND, OF COURSE, THE KEY TO OPENING UP THAT GREAT BIG, POWERFUL ROCK.

THERE'S AN AWFUL LOT I COULD DO WITH A THING LIKE THAT...IF I COULD GET INSIDE.

THE ONLY WAY YOU'RE GETTING INSIDE THE ROCK OF ETERNITY IS IN SHACKLES!



WELL, I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT ATTITUDE IS GOING TO HELP LITTLE DANEY BOY.

HIS FATE IS NOW IN YOUR HANDS. I COULD, RIGHT NOW, SEND HIM HOME... OR I COULD SEND HIM THIRTY FEET UP TO THE SURFACE...WHERE SULIBAK AND HIS LIKE CAN DO WHAT THEY WILL WITH HIM.



SEE, THE FOOLS VYING FOR CONTROL OF THIS WASTELAND THINK THEY CAN RALLY THE DISPARATE VOICES OF THE UNDERREALM BY TOUCHING THE... DARKNESS...LURKING INSIDE YOUR FRIEND HERE.

LURKING...? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?



THIS IS WHAT COMES FROM SKIPPING SUNDAY SCHOOL!

DANE, MY DEAR BOY, HAS A LARGER PURPOSE THAN ANYONE, EVEN HE, THINKS.

OH, IF ONLY YOU COULD SEE THINGS THROUGH MY EYES, BILLY...

PERHAPS... ONE DAY.

IN THE MEANTIME... ARE YOU REALLY PREPARED TO HAVE THE BLOOD OF ANOTHER... JUST LIKE THAT OF POOR FREDDY FREEMAN, ON YOUR HANDS...?



OR HAD YOU ALREADY FORGOTTEN WHAT YOU'VE DONE--OR RATHER, FAILED TO DO--FOR THAT ONE?

YOU'RE A MONSTER.



WOULD A MONSTER OFFER YOU A FAIR DEAL LIKE THIS?

YOUNG DANE MEANS NOTHING TO MY PLANS, SO--

TAKE ME INTO THE ROCK AND AGREE TO REMAIN WITH ME FOR ALL OF TIME...AND I'LL SEND THE TOWHEADED DEMON-BOY SAFELY BACK TO YOUR LITTLE ISLAND SCHOOLHOUSE...

REFUSE ME... AND, QUITE SIMPLY, "NEVERMORE" WILL BE NO MORE.

HA! ISN'T THAT CUTE? I JUST THOUGHT OF THAT.



HKKRRKK...

HCKK...HKKRRKK...

MAKE YOUR CHOICE.

ENOUGH,
NERON.

LET THEM
GO.





EAVESDROPPING
WITCH!



YES...ONE MORE
POWERFUL THAN
YOU COULD EVER
HOPE TO BE.



NOW LET
THEM GO--

--OR I'LL
REMOVE
THE BONDS
HOLDING
YOUR SORRY
ATOMS
TOGETHER.

YES, YES,
ALL RIGHT,
FINE, YOU
WIN.



SORRY, BILLY.
LEOPARD, SPOTS,
ET CETERA.

YOU CAN'T
FAULT ME FOR
TRYING.

!Kaffé

!Kaffé



SEE YOU
SOON, RACHEL,
DARLING...

...KEEP
ON KILLING
'EM WITH
KINDNESS.

AND
IF THAT
DOESN'T
WORK...



...THERE'S
ALWAYS
THE OTHER
THING.





WELL, LOOK WHO'S COME CRAWLING BACK.

BILLY--SHAZAM-- WE DECIDED NOT TO TELL YOU BECAUSE THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT WE THOUGHT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE DID.

IT'S AWFUL ABOUT FREDDY, I KNOW. BUT IT ONLY GETS WORSE IF WE LOSE DANE. OR YOU.

PLEASE... LET THE TITANS AND THE JUSTICE LEAGUE DARK DEAL WITH THIS.

MISS RAV-- RACHEL-- YOU CAN'T. YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T.

WHATEVER'S WAITING INSIDE THE ROCK WAITS FOR ME, AND NO ONE ELSE.



OH, BILLY... YOU'RE JUST...

YOU'RE GROWING UP SO FAST.

THAT'S THE ONLY WAY I KNOW TO DO IT.



WHEN HE WAKES UP, TELL HIM...

TELL HIM I'LL BE THERE SOON.

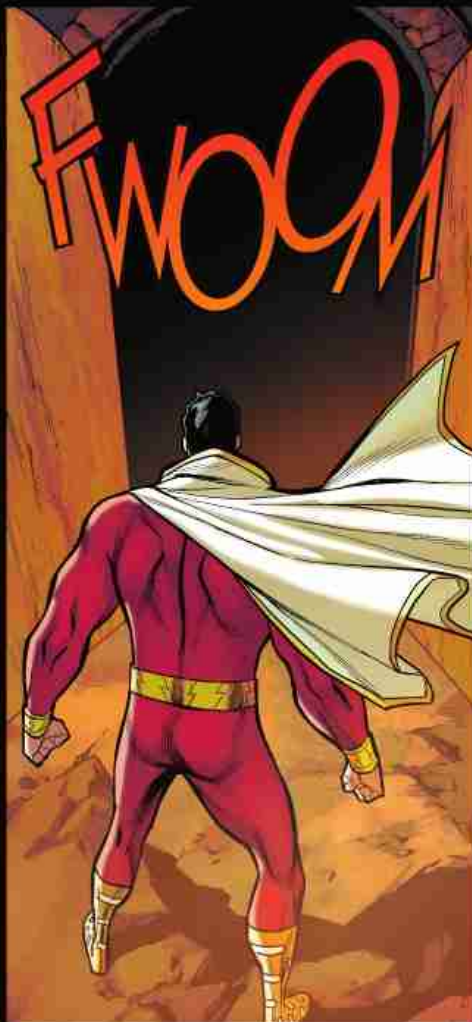
I PROMISE.

ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT DANE OR FREDDY?



MEI SUND
OMNOS...





THAT'S
BETTER.

WELCOME
HOME,
BILLY.

WE'VE GOT
A LOT OF
CATCHING UP
TO DO.

ADAM?!

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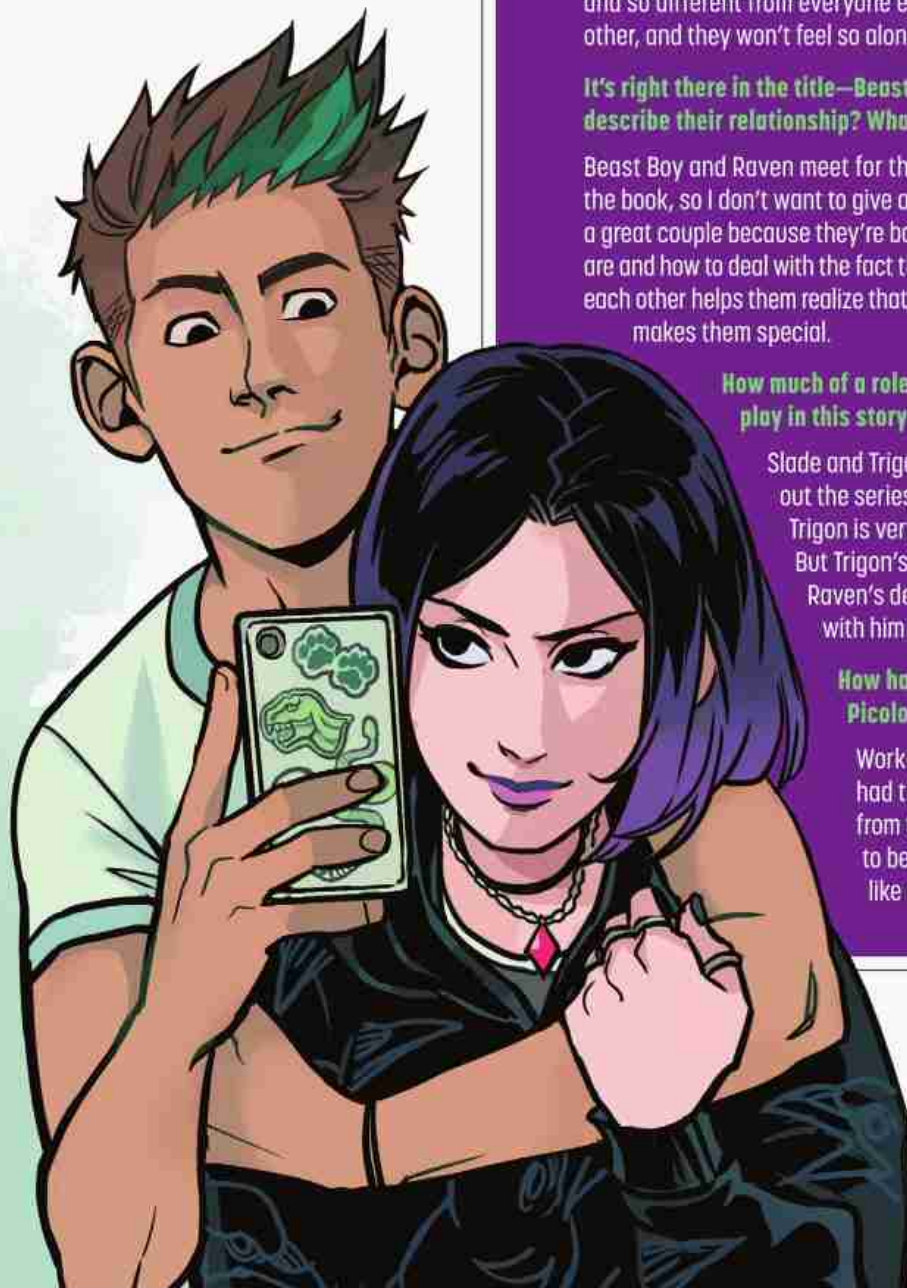
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INTERVIEW WITH KAMI GARCIA

Writer Kami Garcia and artist Gabriel Pico wowed audiences with the bestselling, critically acclaimed DC young adult graphic novel *Teen Titans: Raven* in 2019, then continued their bold reinvention of the Titans mythos the following year with *Teen Titans: Beast Boy*. So what's next? *Teen Titans: Beast Boy Loves Raven*, naturally, bringing the two characters together for the first time.

This series has meant so much to readers—what emotions are involved in bringing the readers into this new and exciting part of the story?

In *Raven* and *Beast Boy*, readers watched Gar and Raven discover their powers for the first time. They both felt confused and alone, and so different from everyone else. But now they'll find each other, and they won't feel so alone.

It's right there in the title—Beast Boy loves Raven. How do you describe their relationship? What makes them a good couple?

Beast Boy and Raven meet for the first time at the beginning of the book, so I don't want to give anything away. I think they make a great couple because they're both trying to figure out who they are and how to deal with the fact that they're different. But finding each other helps them realize that those differences are also what makes them special.

How much of a role do Slade Wilson and Trigon play in this story?

Slade and Trigon are both antagonists throughout the series. Slade has a human motive and Trigon is very much a supernatural antagonist. But Trigon's role is also complex because he's Raven's demon-father, which makes dealing with him more personal.

How has your partnership with Gabriel Pico evolved over the years?

Working with Gabriel is a dream. We've had the same vision for the characters from the beginning. We both want them to be relatable, flawed teens—to seem like real people.

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LOVES RAVEN**
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